

PLATTSBURGH AIR FORCE BASE,  
FIRE STATION  
(Plattsburgh Air Force Base, Building No. 2738)  
Arkansas Street  
Plattsburgh  
Clinton County  
New York

HAER No. NY-326-CL

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**Location:** Arkansas Street, Plattsburgh, Clinton County, New York,  
UTM: 18.622360.4945280  
Quad: Plattsburgh, NY-VT, 1:24,000 (1966)

**Date of Construction:** 1956

**Architect/Engineer:** Unknown

**Present Owner:** United States Air Force

**Present Use:** Vacant

**Significance:** Building No. 2738 originally provided an operational building for squadron-level planning, briefing, administration, and critique of combat crews. Space was also provided for the care, storage, and issue of flying clothing and equipment for each crewmember, including parachutes, survival kits, liferafts, antiexposure suits, arctic clothing, life preservers, transceiver radios, and oxygen masks. Space was provided for the Operations Officer to direct the flight operations and tactical functions of the squadron. The Squadron Operations Building also provided space for the squadron commander and his staff, storage of squadron records, control of unit flying and training tasks, intelligence, radar and navigation, cruise control, photos and maps, briefing room, locker area, radios, and electronic countermeasures. It was only later that the building came to be used as a Fire Station.

**Project Information:** Building No. 2738 at Plattsburgh Air Force Base (AFB) is being documented in accordance with HAER standards to mitigate for the potential adverse effects of transferring deed of title to the property from federal ownership. The property transfer is a result of the disposal and reuse of Plattsburgh AFB, pursuant to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1993. The mitigation is a stipulation of a Programmatic Agreement (PA) among the U.S. Air Force, the New York State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (October 2000).

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### **Summary Description of Fire Station (Building No. 2738)**

#### **Layout**

Building No. 2738 is a 7,090 square-foot, single story, reinforced concrete block building. It is L-shaped in plan, with its main body measuring 71'-4" x 57'-0"; the offset body measures 72'-0" x 42'-0". The building has a flat roof, and fenestration occurs in patterns of single, paired or triple two-over-two, double hung, wood sash windows, and single-light awning windows. All windows have precast concrete sills.

Building No. 2738 is similar in plan, elevation and construction to Buildings 2736, 2786, 2833, 2884, and 2885.

#### **Alterations/Additions**

There have been no other additions or alterations to Building No. 2738

#### **Function**

Building No. 2738 originally used for squadron operations. Later, portions of the building were used for various functions including the Navigational Aids Shop, the Air Force Communications Systems (AFCS) Maintenance Facility, and as a telecommunications facility. It was last used in support of the fire station.

#### **Significance**

Building No. 2738 at Plattsburgh AFB was designed to accommodate a variety of uses and functions as needed in support of the Strategic Air Command Cold War mission. Toward that end, it proved to be an adaptable building type.

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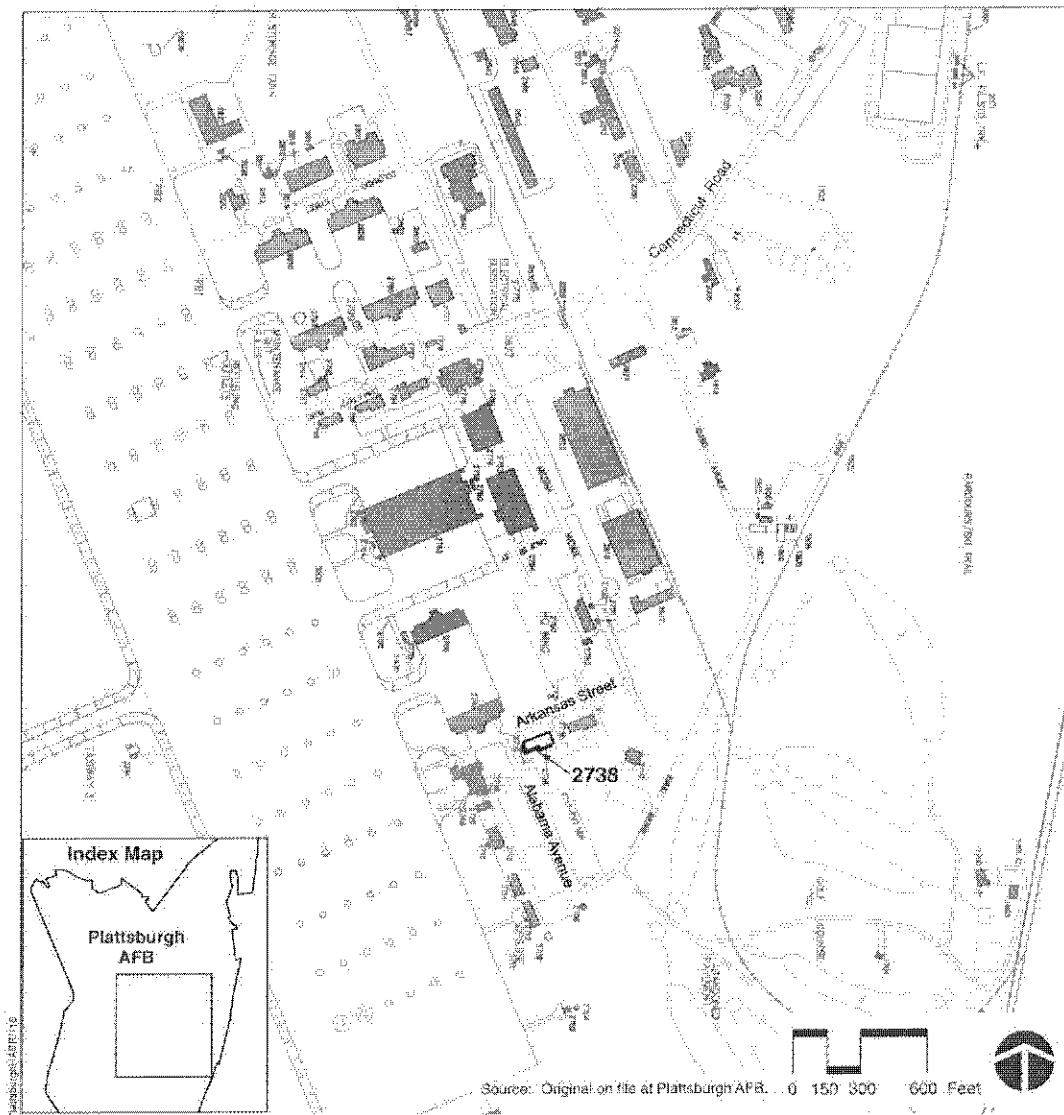
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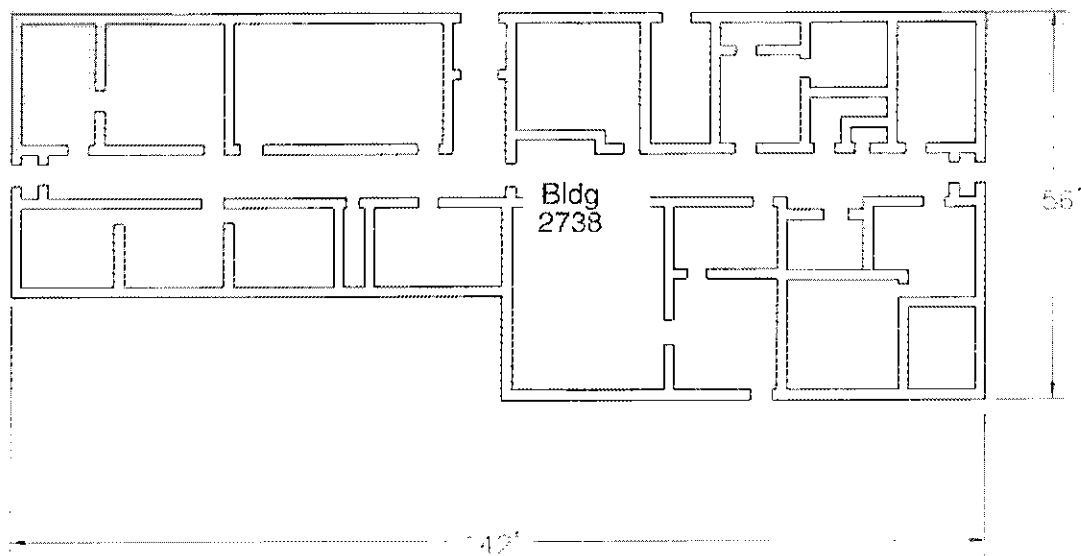
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